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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT 7002 0510 0003 8603 4209

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Subject: Reassessment, J P & R Unpermitted Site, Cessation Order MC-2005-03-05-01, S/035/028, Salt Lake County, Utah

Dear Mr. Stoddard:

The proposed civil penalty assessment for the above referenced cessation order was sent to you on June 20, 2005. At that time the abatement had not been completed and some of the facts surrounding the violation were not available. In accordance with rule R647-7-105, the penalty is to be reassessed when it is necessary to consider facts which were not reasonably available on the date of the issuance of the proposed assessment. Following is the reassessment of the penalty for the cessation order:

• MC-05-01-02- Violation 1 of 1 \$484

The enclosed worksheet specifically outlines how the violation was reassessed.

Under R647-7-106, there are two informal appeal options available to you:

1. If you wish to informally appeal the <u>fact of the Cessation Order</u>, you should file a written request for an Informal Conference within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. This conference will be conducted by the Division Director or Associate Director. This Informal Conference is distinct from the Assessment Conference regarding the proposed penalty.



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2. If you wish to review the proposed penalty assessment, you should file a written request for an Assessment Conference within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. If you are also requesting a review of the fact of violation, as noted in paragraph one, the assessment conference will be scheduled immediately following that review.

If a timely request for review is not made, the fact of the cessation order will stand, the proposed penalty(ies) will become final, and the penalty(ies) will be due and payable within thirty (30) days of the proposed assessment. Please remit payment to the Division, mail c/o Vickie Southwick.

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock Assessment Officer

DRH:jb

Enclosure: Worksheet

c: Vicki Bailey, Accounting Vickie Southwick, Exec. Sec.

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WORKSHEET FOR ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS & MINING Minerals Regulatory Program

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I.	HIST	ORY ((Max. 25 pts.) (R64	7–7-103.2.11)				
	A. Are there previous violations, which are not pending or vacated, which fall within three (3) years of today's date?							
	PREV	'IOUS	VIOLATIONS	EFFECTIVE	DATE	POINTS (1pt for NOV 5pts for CO)		
		none						
II.	SERIOUSNE NOTE:		ESS (Max 45pts) (R647–7-103.2.12) For assignment of points in Parts II and III, the following apply:					
	NOTE	1.	Based on facts supp	plied by the inspe	ector, the Asses	sment Officer will		
		2.	determine within each category where the violation falls. Beginning at the mid-point of the category, the Assessment Officer will					
		's and operator's						
			an EVENT (A) or Administrative (B) violation? <u>Event</u> n points according to A or B)					
	A.	EVENT VIOLATION (Max 45 pts.)						
		1.	What is the event w	hich the violated	standard was o	lesigned to prevent?		
o Prop	erty		Mining without ap	propriate approv	als/Environmo	ental Harm/ Damage		

2. What is the probability of the occurrence of the event which a violated standard was designed to prevent?

PROBABILITY	<u>RANGE</u>
None	0
Unlikely	1-9
Likely	10-19
Occurred	20

ASSIGN PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE POINTS __20

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

*** An Operator is required to file a notice of intention to commence mining operations with the Division of Oil Gas and Mining prior to conducting mining operations. A small area has been disturbed at this location without the operator having obtained approval to do so or without posting a bond. Rock and mineral material has been excavated from the site using mechanized equipment and some rock has been hauled from the site. Disturbance has actually occurred.

3. What is the extent of actual or potential damage?

RANGE 0-25

In assigning points, consider the duration and extent of said damage or impact, in terms of area and impact on the public or environment.

ASSIGN DAMAGE POINTS 5

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

*** Excavations had only just started on the day of the inspection and approximately 0.1 acre had been disturbed. Much (though not all) of the vegetation had been removed in this area, and there are a lot of rocks on the surface. The soil has been disturbed and may have been mixed with subsoil materials. The inspector indicated that the damage is not great and is probably temporary and the site should be reclaimable. Topography of the site has not been changed significantly, but some clean-up of rocks will be needed. The disturbed area is fairly small and damage is considered minor and points are assigned in the lower third of the range.

- B. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE VIOLATIONS</u> (Max 25pts)
 - 1. Is this a POTENTIAL or ACTUAL hindrance to enforcement? <u>NA</u>
 RANGE 0-25

Assign points based on the extent to which enforcement is actually or potentially hindered by the violation.

ASSIGN HINDRANCE POINTS N/A

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS (A or B) 25

III. DEGREE OF FAULT (Max 30 pts.) (R647-7-103.2.13)

A. Was this an inadvertent violation which was unavoidable by the exercise of reasonable care? IF SO--NO NEGLIGENCE; or, was this a failure of a permittee to prevent the occurrence of a violation due to indifference lack of diligence, or lack of reasonable care, the failure to abate any violation due to the same or was economic gain realized by the permittee? IF SO--GREATER DEGREE OF FAULT THAN NEGLIGENCE.

No Negligence 0
Negligence 1-15
Greater Degree of Fault 16-30

STATE DEGREE OF NEGLIGENCE Negligence

ASSIGN NEGLIGENCE POINTS ___5

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

*** The inspector indicated that the operator was not aware of the need for a permit from DOGM for this operation. He did not realize that removing the landscape rock would be considered to be a mining operation. This indicates indifference to the rules or lack of reasonable care. A prudent operator would understand the need to obtain a permit prior to conducting mining operations. No contact was made to the Division, to verify the need for a permit. Once the requirements were explained to the Operator, he was very cooperative and expressed the desire to achieve compliance. The Operator was considered negligent primarily out of ignorance and the confusion about what constitutes mining operations, thus the assignment of points in the lower third of the negligence range.

IV. GOOD FAITH (Max 20 pts.) (R467-7-103.2.14)

(Either A or B) (Does not apply to violations requiring no abatement measures)

A. Did the operator have onsite, the resources necessary to achieve compliance of the violated standard within the permit area?

IF SO--EASY ABATEMENT

Easy Abatement Situation

X

X Immediate Compliance -11 to -20*
(Immediately following the issuance of the NOV)

Rapid Compliance -1 to -10

(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)

X Normal Compliance 0

(Operator complied within the abatement period required)

(Operator complied with condition and/or terms of approved Mining and Reclamation Plan)

- *Assign in upper of lower half of range depending on abatement occurring the 1st or 2nd half of abatement period.
- B. Did the permittee not have the resources at hand to achieve compliance, or does the situation require the submission of plans prior to physical activity to achieve compliance?

IF SO--DIFFICULT ABATEMENT

Difficult Abatement Situation

X Rapid Compliance -11 to -20*
(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)

X Normal Compliance -1 to -10*

(Operator complied within the abatement period required)

X Extended Compliance 0

(Permittee took minimal actions for abatement to stay within the limits of the NOV or the violated standard of the plan submitted for abatement was incomplete) (Permittee complied with conditions and/or terms of approved Mining and Reclamation Plan)

EASY OR DIFFICULT ABATEMENT? difficult

ASSIGN GOOD FAITH POINTS __-8

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

*** The abatement for this violation is considered to be difficult since plans were required. The Operator complied with the requirements within the abatement period. A Notice of Intent was to be filed within 30 days of the date of the Order (May 25, 2005). The Notice was actually filed on June 23, 2005, which was ahead of the abatement requirement. There was some confusion about the submittal of the permit fee and this was not completed until July 12, 2005 and the Order was then terminated on July 19, 2005. The Operator achieved compliance within the abatement period and will receive good faith points in the upper part of the Normal Compliance range.

V. <u>ASSESSMENT SUMMARY (R647-7-103.3)</u>

NOT	TCE OF VIOLATION # <u>MC-05-03-0</u>	<u> </u>
I.	TOTAL HISTORY POINTS	0
II.	TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS	25
III.	TOTAL NEGLIGENCE POINTS	5
IV.	TOTAL GOOD FAITH POINTS	8_
	TOTAL ASSESSED POINTS	22
	TOTAL ASSESSED FINE	\$ 484